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(57) Abstract: The present invention is related to a new use of a plasminogen activator, for increasing an effect caused by IL-2 inhibitor and, further, a use of IL-2 inhibitor for increasing or decreasing an effect caused by plasminogen activator.

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Present claims 1-15 relate to a rather large number of possible compounds, which are defined by reference to pharmacological mechanisms of action: The expression: "use of a plasminogen activator for manufacturing a medicament for increasing an effect caused by IL-2 inhibitor" in claim 1 and "use of IL-2 inhibitor for manufacturing a medicament for increasing or decreasing the effect caused by plasminogen activator" in claim 12 defines compounds by reference to pharmacological mechanisms of action; in the present context this wording is considered to lead to a lack of clarity within the meaning of Art. 6 PCT. It is impossible to fully compare the parameters the applicant has chosen to employ with what is set out in the prior art.

Support and/or disclosure within the meaning of Articles 5,6 PCT is to be found however for only a very small proportion of the compounds claimed. Consequently, the search has been carried out for those parts of the claims which appear to be clear, concise, supported and disclosed, namely for the combined, simultaneous, separate or sequential use of FK506 or cyclosporine, and tissue-type plasminogen activator (t-PA,) in relation to a neuroprotective therapy, for the treatment and the prevention of neurodegenerative diseases, and cerebral ischemic diseases, with due regard to the general idea underlying the application.

All claims 1 to 15 have been searched incompletely.

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